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NEWS FROM VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Valpo Law celebrates  
125 years in style



A photograph of George H.W. Bush, 41st President of the United States, standing at a podium during a gala event. He is wearing a dark tuxedo with a white shirt and a dark bow tie. The background is a large, ornate hall with high ceilings and arched windows, filled with people seated at tables. The lighting is warm and golden. The text "OPENING statement" is overlaid in a yellow oval at the top.

## OPENING statement

*I believe in the importance of a first-rate education;*

*the lives teachers touch means a lot to them...*

*and I want to commend those who dedicate their lives*

*in this very meaningful way.*

**41st President of the United States George H.W. Bush,**

**Valpo Law 125th Anniversary Gala**

**May 1, 2004, Chicago, Illinois**



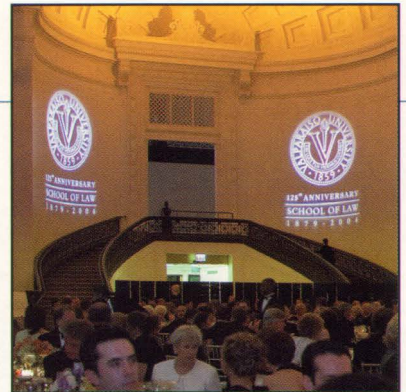


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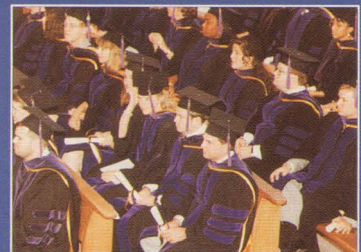
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### "AND, WE MUST MAKE THEM NOBLE"

A Contextual History of the  
Valparaiso University School of Law  
1879-2004



MICHAEL IRVEN SWYGERT

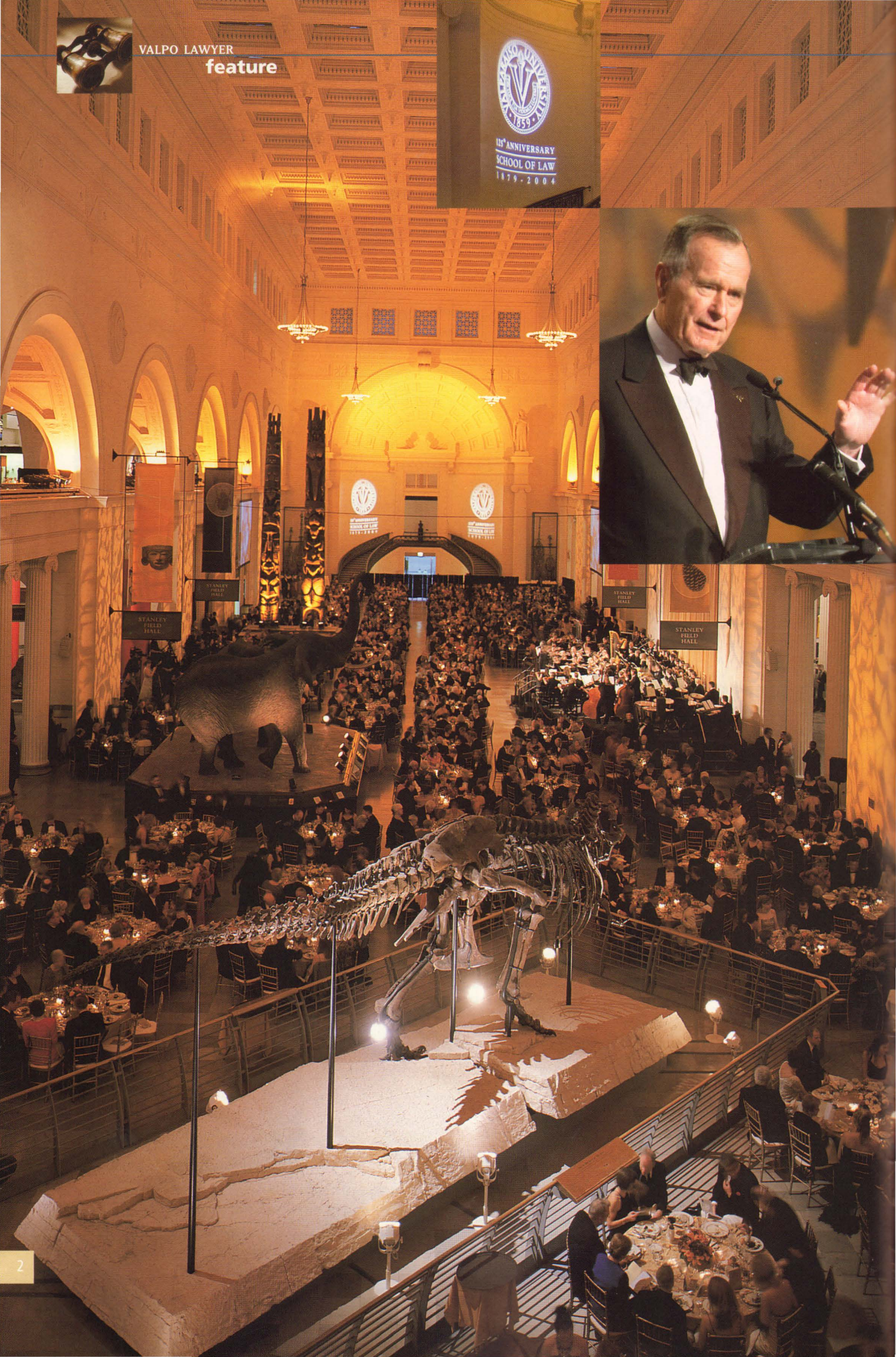
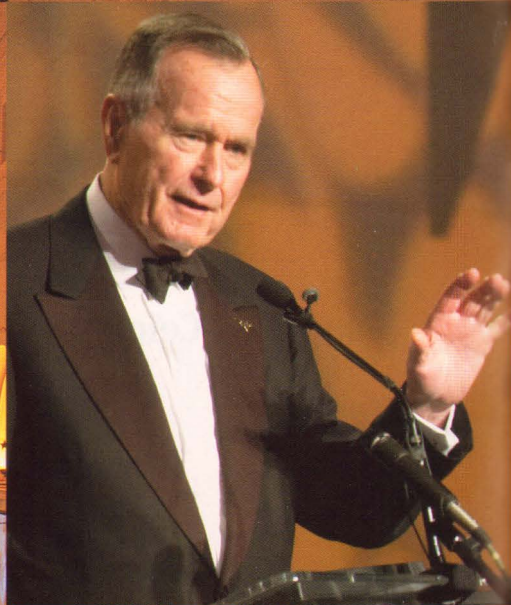




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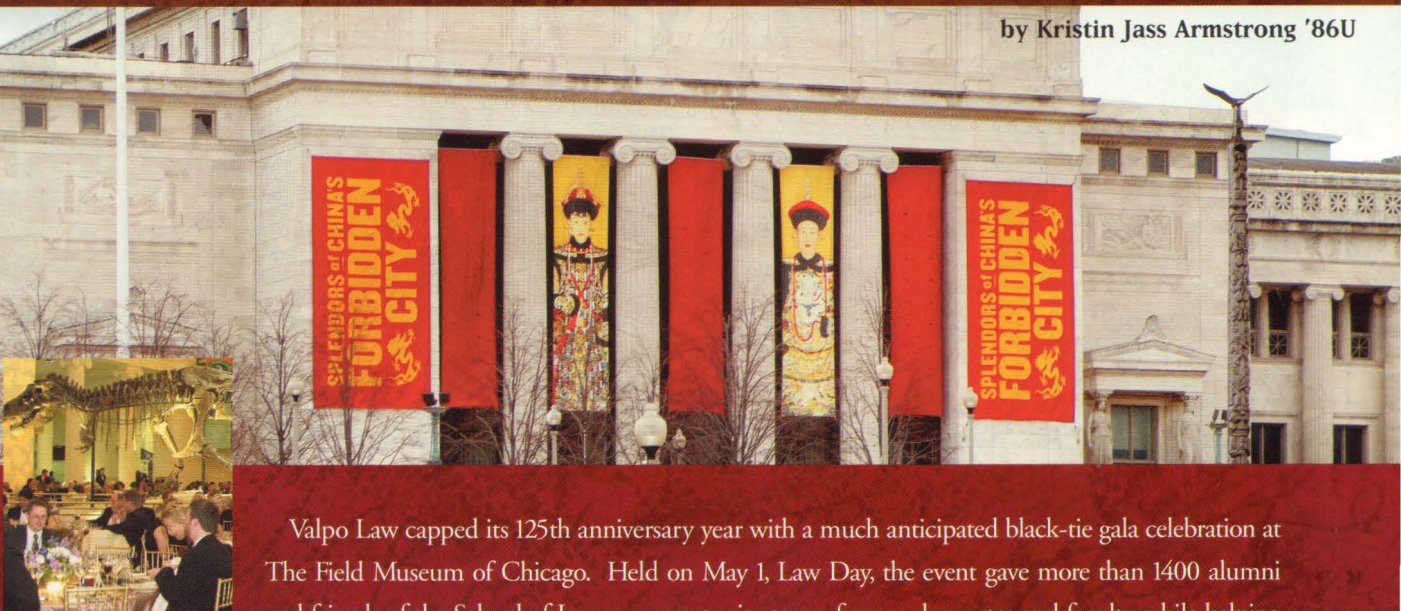
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*At the very moment each guest passed through the entryway to The Field Museum's Stanley Field Hall, he/she knew they were at an extraordinary event. A rapid six hours later, as the guests reluctantly departed, they crooned about their experience using such phrases as "transformational," "once-in-a-lifetime," "overwhelming pride," and "watershed event."*

# Noble...

**Valpo Law celebrates 125 years in grand style**

by Kristin Jass Armstrong '86U



the school mark this milestone anniversary in grand style.

"We could not have been more pleased with the event," said Law School Dean Jay Conison. "Chicago was an ideal meeting place for our alumni and friends scattered across the country. The Field Museum provided a breathtaking setting for the occasion, and the attendance of an internationally-known statesman like former President Bush set the perfect tone for the evening."





While President Bush's presence was a major highlight of the evening, gala guests were treated to a dazzling array of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. When the doors opened at 6 p.m., guests were ushered in to one of Chicago's most arresting spaces: Stanley Field Hall. A massive study in vanilla marble, The Field

Museum was built as part of the grand "White City" for the 1892 World's Fair. Stanley Field Hall is now

home to some of the world's most famous treasures including "Sue", the largest, most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever discovered.

As gala guests clad in gowns and tuxedos ascended a sweeping staircase to the large balcony ringing the Hall, servers passed platters of luscious hors d'oeuvres and champagne. Guests walked among The Field's amazing

collections while chatting with friends and faculty members.

The sound of timpani booming out the opening bars of Aaron Copeland's

"Fanfare for the Common Man" signaled the beginning of the evening's program. Guests streamed down from the balcony to their dinner tables through a sea of glimmering golden linens decked with colorful mounds of fresh flowers and fruit. The evening's Master of Ceremonies, Cornell

**"We count on our legal system  
in ways large and small to preserve our  
life, liberty, and our pursuit  
of happiness."**

Boggs '85

welcomed the

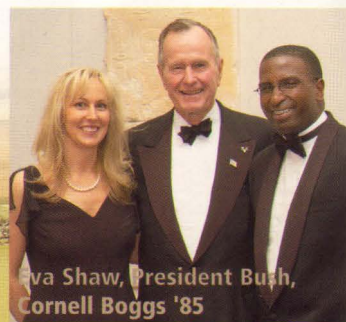
alumni and friends and announced the imminent arrival of the evening's honored guest.

With that cue, lights from the mass of television cameras housed in the back of the hall lit up in anticipation of former President Bush's arrival. Valpo Law Alumni Director Marilyn Otis '76U noted that all of the local Chicago television stations plus C-SPAN, the Associated Press, and a host of other print and radio media were present that evening. "Valpo Law and the gala itself received a tremendous amount of attention because of President Bush's attendance," Otis

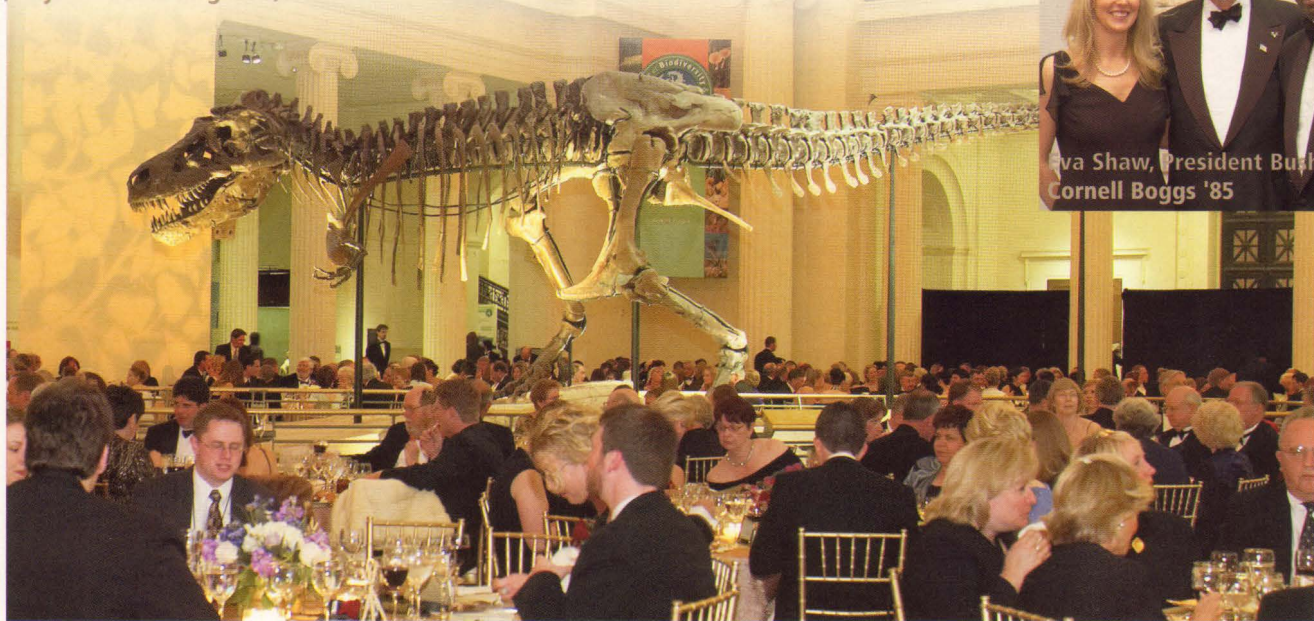
—George H.W. Bush



Richard Duesenberg '53, '01H, President Bush, Phyllis Duesenberg '53U, '04H



Eva Shaw, President Bush, Cornell Boggs '85



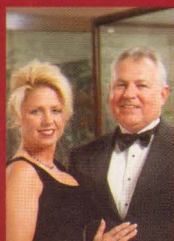
Joan and Dale '62 Anderson



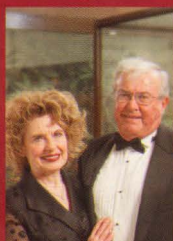
David Hessler '68, President Bush, Martha Hessler '65U



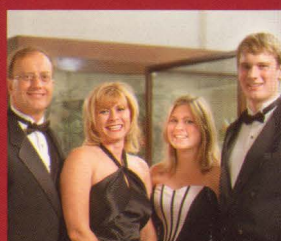
Dirk and Julie '97 Dykstra



Lisa and Dean '83 Colvin

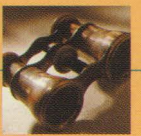


Janice and Luke '63 Melchert



Glenn '78, Dawn '79U, Jessica and Nicholas Vician





said. "One of our goals in planning this event was to forge new relationships with the Chicago media and we all agree that happened. So this event will continue to reap rewards for the School of Law long into the future."

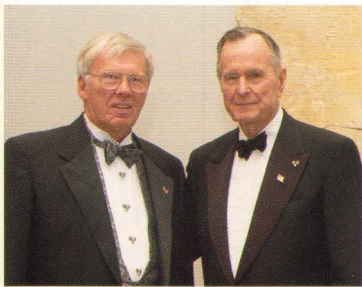
Accompanied by Dean Conison and President Harre, President Bush strode up the middle of the hall, waving to the audience and shaking hands with guests, then taking his place at the head table. "It was really a tremendous moment," said Professor Clare Nuechterlein '79. Nuechterlein and her husband, Judge Christopher Nuechterlein '76, welcomed President Bush to the gala as his motorcade arrived at the museum. She said the President was gracious and charming during their time with him. "He has tremendous charisma. When he walked into the room there was real electricity in the air."

With the guest of honor seated, Associate Dean and Seegers Professor Bruce Berner '67 offered an invocation. The Symphony capped their performance with two final numbers featuring faculty guest vocalists Maura and Christopher Cock singing Gershwin favorites. And then it was time for the keynote address.

President Bush took the stage, standing in front of a large gold backdrop emblazoned with the Valparaiso University seal and Valpo "V" logo. President Bush, or "41" as he jokingly referred to himself during his 25-minute keynote address, did not disappoint the eager crowd and throngs of media. He regaled the audience with stories about "41" and "43" (current President Bush) and former first lady Barbara Bush who, he said, is referred to as "the enforcer" in the Bush household. But he also set a more serious tone, addressing topics like the selection of Supreme Court justices, current relations between

the United States and China, and the need for "rule of law" in the wake of mega business and accounting scandals.

Following the President's remarks, dinner was served, finished off with a mouth-watering chocolate dessert festooned with a chocolate diamond with the numbers



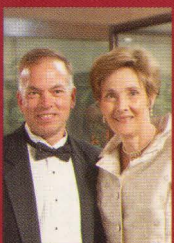
**Herb Stride '57, President Bush**

"125" emblazoned on it. Dean Jay Conison provided after dinner remarks, recounting the law school's proud history of personalized teaching and its emphasis on ethics and service. In closing he said, "So long as we remain true to our heritage, so long as we continue to act with good character and good will, our wisdom, our deeds, and our influence as a great institution will long endure."

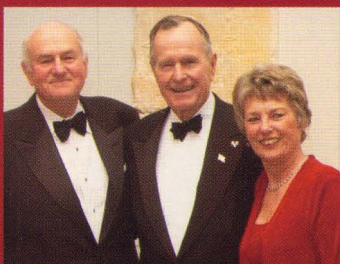


**Michael '67 & Dianne Swygert, President Bush, Gertrude Swygert**

The formal program concluded with an anniversary video that was viewed on four giant screens hung from the balcony. Guests cheered and applauded as the faces of familiar faculty and friends popped into view. With the conclusion of the video, Emcee Boggs turned the crowd loose to enjoy themselves until midnight. Many guests enjoyed a private



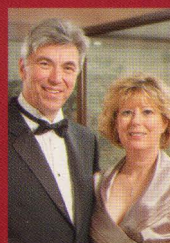
**Richard '86 and Maribeth Rupcich**



**Don Fites '56U, '98H, President Bush, Connie Ashline '56U**



**Jill and Bob '78 Stochel**



**Rick '76 and Teresa Mason**



**Jeffrey and Kristin '92 Hoeksema**



**John Savee '84, Jessica and Jim '82 McCune**

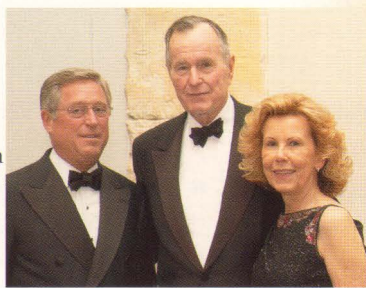




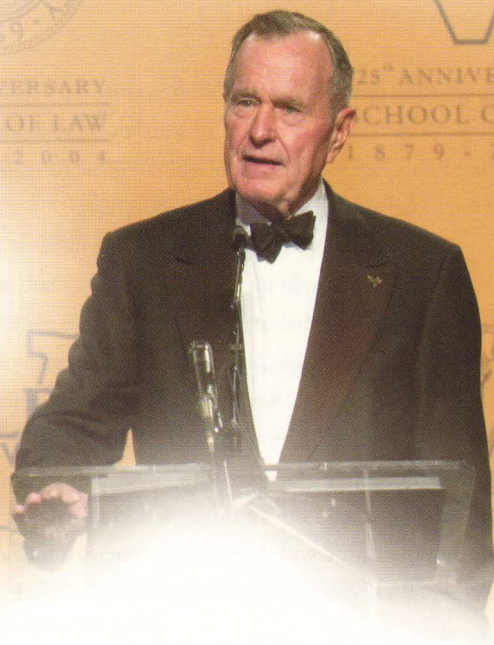
viewing of The Field's current feature exhibit, "Splendors of China's Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong." Others spent the rest of the evening chasing down old classmates and faculty.

"The gala was just amazing," said Aubrey Kuchar, 3L and President of the Student Bar Association. Kuchar had the honor of sitting next to former President Bush at the head table. "It was the best night of my life," she said, displaying photos of herself conversing with President Bush during dinner.

"Of course the evening was too short," said Kenneth Roeh, '52. "It was wonderful to reconnect with old classmates and to meet some of the younger graduates. The event was really first rate."



G. Allen Andreas '68, President Bush, Toni Andreas



**"Milestones** such as that which you **celebrate tonight**, are not only occasions for **looking back and rededicating yourselves** to the founding principles that have sustained this **wonderful institution** through many years, but also a chance to **really look forward.**"

—George H. W. Bush

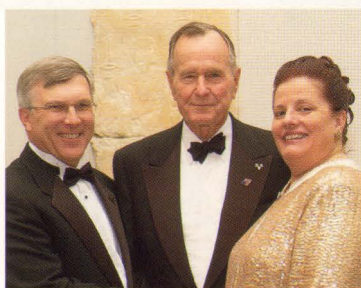
Two years in the planning, the Anniversary Gala was initially conceived by the 125th Steering Committee – a distinguished group of law school alumni, faculty, and staff. Considering the magnitude of the anniversary and the current achievements of

the School of Law, the Steering Committee recommended hosting a formal event with an internationally known keynote speaker. Former President Bush was at the top of that list, and with some help from friends on

the University's Board of Directors, was encouraged to celebrate with the law school.

"We've come to find out that President Bush does not accept many speaking invitations of this sort," said Otis. "We feel tremendously fortunate that he was a part of this wonderful event."

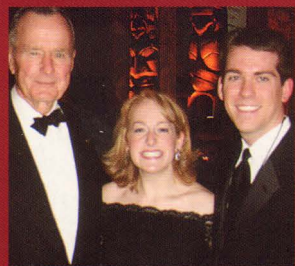
Conison said all of this – reconnecting with friends and faculty, honoring the law school's proud heritage, and shining the spotlight on Valpo Law via media attention – was part of the larger plan for the gala. "The visionary group that conceived this gala celebration intended for it to be a transformative event for the School of Law. I am proud to say that is exactly what occurred."



Chris Nuechterlein '76, President Bush, Clare Nuechterlein '79



Donn '80 and Lori Wray



President Bush, Aubrey Kuchar '04, and Jonathan Pasky '05



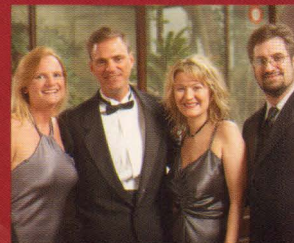
Joy and Ken '78 Anderson



David '94 and Christine '95 Stach



Scott '93 and Nancie Wagenblast



Angie '94 and Scott '94 Scarpelli, Suzi Schrader '94 and Adam Stern '94





The following was included in the 125th Gala Program...

## A Welcome from the Dean

Tonight, 1400 members of the Valparaiso University School of Law community have come together for the largest celebration in our history. Why are we celebrating?

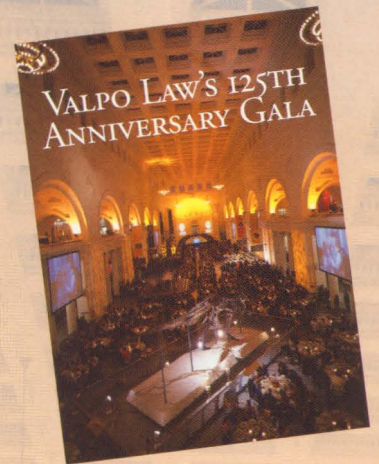
First, we celebrate our long and illustrious history. We opened our doors on 11 November 1879 and today we are the 38th oldest law school in the nation. Our graduates include Florence Higgins-Butler, one of the first women law professors in the nation; Senator George Norris, one of the great progressive leaders in the 1920's and 1930's; and the hundreds of alumni with us this evening, who learned the law and developed their characters at Valparaiso, and who have devoted their careers to serving clients, society, and our system of justice.

Second, we celebrate the people of our wonderful institution. The School of Law is not a cluster of buildings; it is a community of committed individuals. Commitment to our mission was strikingly shown 60 years ago, during World War II, when we kept our law school open even though faculty outnumbered students, 5 to 4. Commitment to students is evident every day, by walking the corridors and seeing our faculty's literal "open door policy," or by hearing from alumni how their professors influenced them, not just as teachers but as mentors. Commitment to service is apparent in so many ways: in the work of the clinics, which serve 700 needy clients each year; in the pro bono work of students, faculty, and alumni; or in the law reform efforts of the faculty, which range from Burns Harbor to Ulan Bator.

Third, we celebrate our successes. 2004 has already been a remarkable year. Our faculty are publishing and lecturing prodigiously, in this country and abroad. Building Connections—the law school's first comprehensive campaign—is nearing its \$10 million goal well in advance of the June 2005 campaign ending date. It has yielded important gifts for faculty chairs, student scholarships, and building renovation projects. Applications to the law school have risen by over 65% for the second year in a row, bringing us an amazing diversity of talent, background, and experience.

These successes are due to the people we honor and the traditions we respect. They result from our commitment to a personalized education that is rich in values. These enable us, year after year, to attract the best of each new generation, and ensure that our graduates are outstanding lawyers and leaders and individuals of the highest character and commitment to service.

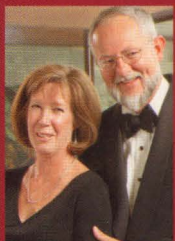
And so we celebrate our history, our values, and our successes. And so we honor the people who make possible all that we celebrate. Over the past 125 years, we have built a remarkable law school and a thriving community of alumni; of this, we can be enormously proud. Thank you all for helping bring us to this enviable position, and for helping us as we achieve even more in the future. This is a once in a lifetime evening and I thank you all for being with us to share it.



## Commemorative 125th Gala DVD

**Includes footage of President Bush's speech, Dean Conison's address, President Harre's remarks, and the incredible anniversary video.**

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Faith and Gene  
'80 Schoon



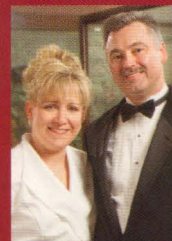
Amanda '02 and  
Anthony  
McCrovitz



Paula '98 and  
Leon '98 Coody



Liz Moore '98U, Heather  
Glick '01 and Heather  
Rutley '01



Judith and Philip  
'89 Benson

**"When I think of Valpo, I think of people committed to serving others—students, clients, and society around them. I think of men and women, young and old, who make a difference for the lives of other people and institutions."**

—Excerpt from Dean Jay Conison's speech at the 125th Gala





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# Years of Valpo Law

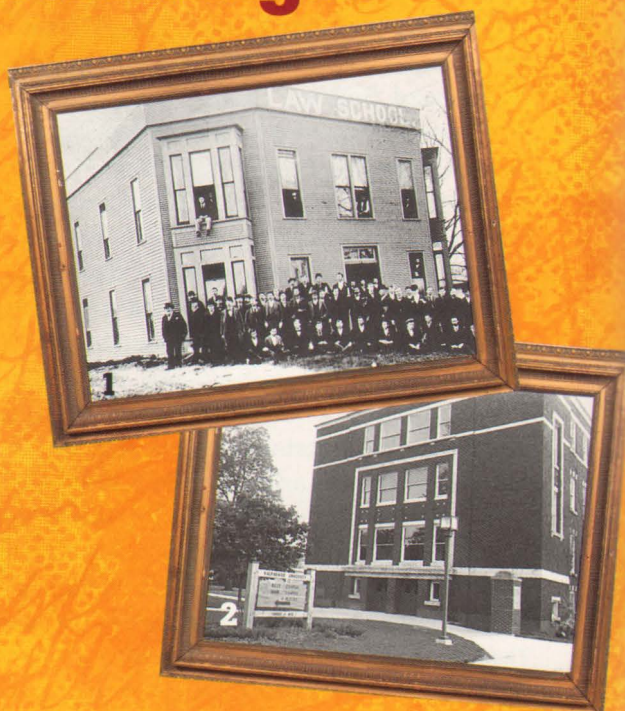
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## Era:

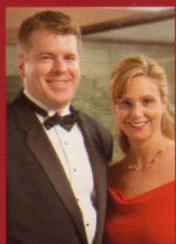


Back in 1901, VU law students, or "lawyers" as they called themselves, began a tradition of walking with wooden canes. In 1902, the law students added something to this tradition – straw hats. This eventually became known as "The Lawyers' Annual Straw Hat Parade."

## Buildings:



1. Law Building
2. DeMotte



Chris Karsten '93  
and Lisa Bruner



Larry Evans '62, President Bush,  
Laura Evans



Mark and Judy  
'87 Colvin



Jody '60U and  
Jack '62 Allen



Mary and Sam '90  
Brooks



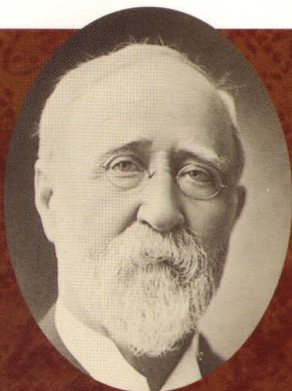
Shelli Johnson '79, Jeanne  
and Jill '80 Sisson





# 1879-1954

## Deans:



**Colonel Mark L. DeMotte**  
1879 – 1908



**Milo Jesse Bowman**  
1908 – 1928



**John Morland**  
1928 – 1954

## Interesting People:

### **George Norris, Class of**

**1883:** The best known alumnus of the early years was George W. Norris, who served a combined forty years in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate. Considered a populist liberal and fiercely independent Republican throughout his public career, George W. Norris helped bring about significant reforms and new institutions for the country. He was elected to the United States Senate from the State of Nebraska in 1913, twenty years after graduating from the Law School at Valparaiso. He may be most remembered as the “father” of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which he had pushed hard to get through Congress.

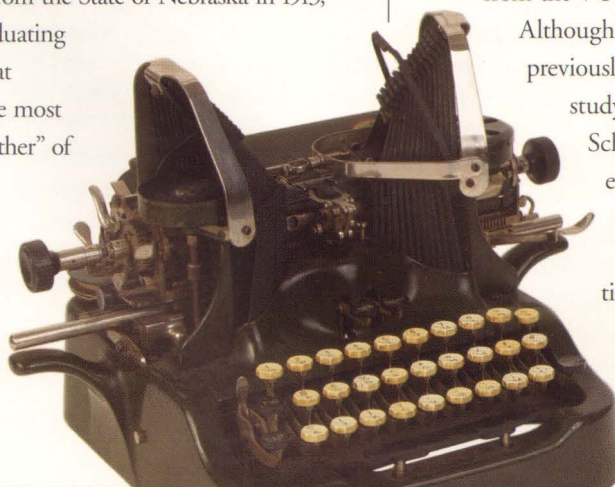


**Florence Higgins, Class of 1898:** During the 1890's – the second decade of the Law School's existence – enrollment increased dramatically. In response to both the larger enrollment and an expanded curriculum, DeMotte increased the size of the law faculty by fifty percent. Of all the appointments he made, the most historically significant was his hiring Florence Higgins as a member of the full-time law faculty. In June of 1898, Higgins was the first woman to graduate from the VU School of Law.

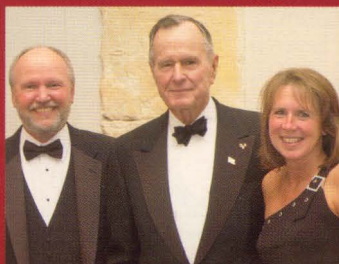
Although other women had previously commenced the study of law at the Law

School, Higgins was the first to actually earn the LL.B. degree. Moreover,

Florence Higgins was among the first women in America to hold a full-time teaching position on a law faculty.



Mary Jane Rhoades '88 and Eric Soucey



Chuck Welter, President Bush, Donna Howell



Mary Lou and Miles '83 Stipanovich



Mary and Daniel '66 Kozera



Debra and William '88 Ciesar



Elmer '43 & Mary Ellen Simon '46U, Sylvia Luekens '62U



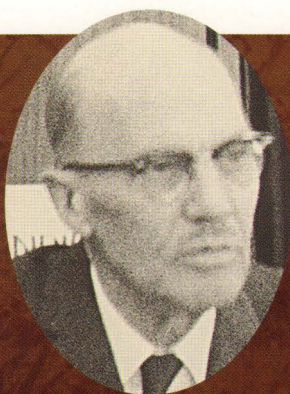


# Era: 1954-

Deans:



**Otto Paul Kretzmann**  
(acting dean) 1954 – 1955



**Knute Stalland**  
1955 – 1964



**Louis F. Bartelt, Jr.**  
1964–1969



**Alfred W. Meyer**  
1969 – 1977



**Rosalie Levinson:**  
**Class of 1973**

Levinson was the first woman

teaching assistant hired. She taught a course titled "Sex Discrimination and the Law" and also supervised a legal problems course for first-year students. Due to her solid performance as a teaching associate, along with her sterling academic credentials, Levinson was appointed an Assistant Professor of Law commencing with the start of the 1974-75 academic year. She thus became the first woman hired as a regular full-time member of the VU Law faculty since Florence Higgins was appointed instructor in 1889. Levinson already was an experienced practicing lawyer having served as a staff attorney for the Gary based public-interest law firm – Project Justice and Equality – where she was involved in civil rights litigation during her third year at the Law School.

## Interesting People:



**Lucy Hubbard:**

Although she never authored a legal treatise or taught a single law class, Mildred Lucile "Lucy" Hubbard is

remembered fondly by students, faculty and staff who were present at the Law School during her nine-year tenure – 1955 through 1964. A custodian in the highest usage of the word, Lucy, as everyone called her, not only took physical care of Wesemann Hall, she took emotional and psychological care of the members of the Law School community. From telling students to hurry up and not miss class (she seemed to know their schedules), to informing them they must study more diligently, to advising them about their personal concerns, and to consoling them when in distress, she was the consummate "house mother."

**Charlie Gromley:** In 1960, the law faculty and Dean Stalland hired a

young and energetic man who was teaching law near Portland, Oregon. The young man would turn out to be the most popular and admired law teacher in the history of the Valparaiso University School of Law – Charles R. Gromley. Soft-spoken, gentle, laid back, and with a quick and witty mind, Charles Gromley was greatly admired by VU law students. He always kept his office door open. Indeed, few law teachers have ever been so committed to their students as was "Charlie."

At VU, Professor Gromley dutifully and ably served for two decades as coach of the School's National Moot Court Teams, spending inordinate time working with the students. He co-authored a *Workbook for Indiana Estate Planners*. He participated in continuing legal education seminars on property law and estate planning. Gromley started up and was the sole owner of the



**Russell Rudenga**  
and Beth '92  
Bezак-Rudenga



**John Casey, President Bush,**  
Donna Welter '95H, Mary Linda  
Casey



**Andy '87 and**  
Mariam '83U  
Crosmer



**Mary Ellen**  
Cotsworth and  
Duane Vaughan '74



**Kelli and Robin**  
'82 Morlock



**Debra, Alexandra and**  
Steve '70 Todd





1979

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## Buildings:

1. DeMotte

2. Wesemann Hall I



First Law Review Bruce Berner, George Valsa, John Yakimow, Peter Wilson, Allen Landmeier, Mike Swygert, Mike Virgil

Indiana Bar Review Course for over a decade. Thus, a generation of Indiana lawyers – regardless of where they had earned their law degrees – experienced the relaxed, no-nonsense teaching style of Professor Gromley, their last teacher before taking the State's bar examination.

**Robert D. Rucker, Class of 1976:**

Among the new African-American law students enrolling in the VU School of Law in the fall of 1973 was Robert D. Rucker of Gary, Indiana. Rucker was one of thirty-six recipients throughout the United States of the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr., Fellowships for the study of law. Awarded to African-American veterans by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, these full-tuition awards were highly prized.



On November 19, 1999, Judge Robert D. Rucker became the 105th justice (and the second African-American) to sit on the bench of the Indiana Supreme Court. At the time of his elevation to the State's highest court, Rucker's former supervisor, one-time Lake County Prosecutor Jack Crawford, said of Justice Rucker that he "was probably the most unbiased, non-prejudiced person I've ever met." Justice Rucker continues to sit on the Indiana Supreme Court today. He is a strong supporter of the VU School of Law, often sitting on the finals of its moot court competitions and assisting the Dean and Balsa in various ways.

**VU Law Clinic, 1965:** [An] important step having real, as well as symbolic importance, was the beginning of legal aid and law clinics at the School at levels of sophistication and competency that were ahead of the times. In the early 1960's, clinical legal education was not a part of most law schools' curriculums. Only five out of 150 schools offered a practice or clinical course for credit. The Law School at Valparaiso got a head start, however, by setting up clinical programs on its own without outside financial assistance. First came a clinical legal-aid program assisting the representation of federal criminal defendants, begun in the 1965-1966 academic year. Then, in the late 1960s, the clinical movement in America's law schools began in earnest, primarily the result of the establishment in 1968 of the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility.

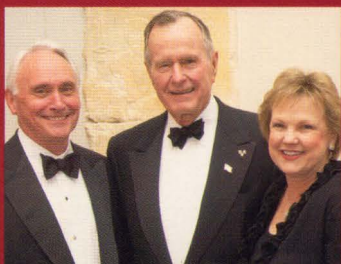
Gary Legal Aid Staff Attorney Seymour Moskowitz (from New York City and a former VISTA lawyer) was hired in the fall of 1969 as an adjunct professor at the VU Law School to implement with Professor Richard Stevenson, the CLEPR-funded program at the Law School. In 1972, Ivan E. Bodensteiner, who had been a legal services lawyer in Fort Wayne, Indiana, joined the VU law faculty and became Co-Director with Professor Moskowitz of VU's Law Clinic programs. In 1974, Professors Bodensteiner and Moskowitz helped establish a "Federal Courts Clinic," an outgrowth of the Federal indigent-criminal-defendant legal aid service the School had started in 1965-66 in conjunction with the Federal District Court in Hammond. Looking back a decade, the first director of the Valparaiso School of Law Clinic, Seymour Moskowitz, in 1975 observed:

*The dreams of the Clinic's founders are carried on by today's staff and students as they continue Valpo's time-honored tradition of providing innovative outstanding educational opportunities integrated with a commitment to the community at large. This little law school in Indiana, day in and day out, helps change the world's axis for each client who walks through the Clinic's doors looking for a lawyer.*

Interesting Story:



Shelly and Rudolf '82 Beese



Dick Vie, President Bush, Joan Vie



Sara and John '93 Malm



Jennifer and Jason '99 Paupore



Hawk '73 & Louise Kautz '96G, Jeff '73 & Gayle Oliveira





# Era: 1979

## Interesting People:

### Berner and Students Assist "Pinto" Prosecution:

VU Law School professor Bruce Berner was engaged in a dispute covered by national news from the fall of 1978 through the spring of 1980. The dispute involved the criminal prosecution of Ford Motor Company after it had been indicted for "reckless homicide for allegedly designing and manufacturing" its controversial Ford Pinto in such a manner that when struck from behind, the car's gas tank could rupture starting a fire. The prosecution grew out of a tragedy that had occurred in 1978 near Goshen, Indiana. Three teenage girls en route to a church-sponsored volleyball game were in a 1973 Ford Pinto when it was struck from behind by a van. The Pinto burst into flames. All three girls, as a result, burned to death.

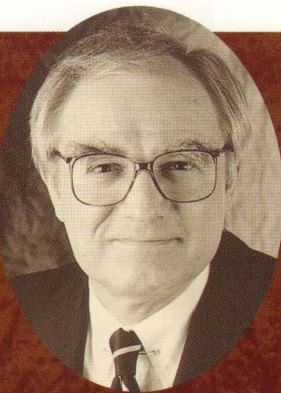
As described in an article in the

Chicago Tribune, one side of the case pitted Ford (having \$42 billion in sales in 1978) and a legal team headed by former Watergate prosecutor James Neal, assisted by six full-time and numerous part-time lawyers, against a part-time Elkhart, County Indiana, prosecutor, Michael Cosentino, assisted by

four deputy prosecutors and two volunteer law professors. The professors were VU School of Law criminal law professor Bruce Berner and DePaul College of Law torts professor Terrence Kiely. Each contacted volunteer students to help in the research. Several top-flight VU law students answered Berner's call for assistance. They included Gene Schoon, Don Seberger, Donny Wray, and Kathleen Schmidt, as well as Diedre E. Burgman, Michael Meyer, Don Lane, and Mark Reymer. The "small" Law School in Indiana was in the thick of this nationally followed case.



## Deans:



**Charles A. Ehren, Jr.**  
1977 – 1982



**Alfred W. Meyer**  
(interim dean 1982 – 1983)



**Peter J. McGovern**  
1983 – 1985

## Interesting Lectures, Events, & Programs:

**Edward A. Seegers Lectures:** Issues related to moral philosophy, law and revolution, the United States Constitution, religion and law, war powers of the United States, African American history, the jurisprudential underpinnings for contract law, law and anthropology, as well as other stimulating topics have been presented by eminent internationally recognized scholars as part of the College of Law's annual Seegers Lectures over the past two decades.

**Monsanto Lecture Series:** During the 1985-86 academic year, the School of Law received a grant from the Monsanto Corporation as a result of discussions involving Dean Peter McGovern a year earlier. Since 1986, a funded lecture series has brought to the School of Law at Valparaiso an array of distinguished legal scholars to critically examine the theory of tort law as it has evolved in the United States, and to explore avenues for the law's reform.

### Legal Ethics and Professional

**Responsibility:** In 1997, VU alumnus Glen Tabor funded an institute at the School...pertaining to legal ethics and professional responsibility.

### Indiana Supreme Court Lecture Series:

With the support of the Indiana Supreme Court, in 1999 an annual Indiana Supreme Court Lecture Series was commenced.

**Swygert Moot Court Competition:** In 1989, the family of Judge Luther M. Swygert established an endowment at the VU School of Law in the judge's memory to underwrite the costs of an annual moot court competition. Judge Swygert died in 1988 after serving forty-five years as a federal judge. He was appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1943 to the bench of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, and was then elevated to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals (which sits in Chicago) by President John F. Kennedy in 1961. He was chief judge of the Seventh Circuit for several years. The first Swygert Moot Court Competition occurred in April 1990 before a bench consisting of Judges Harlington Wood of the U.S. Court of appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Randall T. Shepard, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, and Linda L. Chezem, of the Indiana Court of Appeals. In nearly every year since, sitting judges from Judge Swygert's court (the Seventh Circuit) have come to Valparaiso to be on the panel for the final round of the annual competitions.

### Cambridge Program and International

**Law:** International law came sharply into focus at the Law School with the establishment of summer programs for VU law students in Cambridge England, and in other countries. The VU Cambridge Law School summer law program commenced in 1991. That same summer, a second VU foreign law program was held, this one at Ningbo University, in the Zhejiang Province in the People's Republic of China.



**Kelly and Tom '86  
Murray**

**"When I think of Valpo, I think especially of its great teachers. I think of individuals who are craftsmen, who have committed their lives to instructing students in law and practice. I think of mentors who instill values, build character, and impress upon students the centrality of ethics in the practice of law."**

—Excerpt from Dean Jay Conison's speech at the 125th Gala



**Kathleen and  
Rocco '84  
deGrasse**



**Julie and Doug  
'95 Martz**

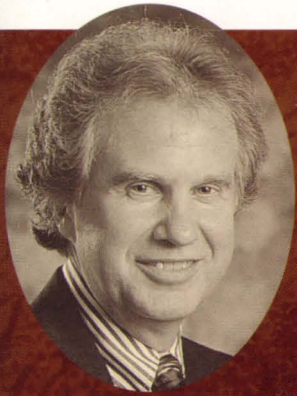


**Roman Petra '00 and  
Dennis Lindell '99**





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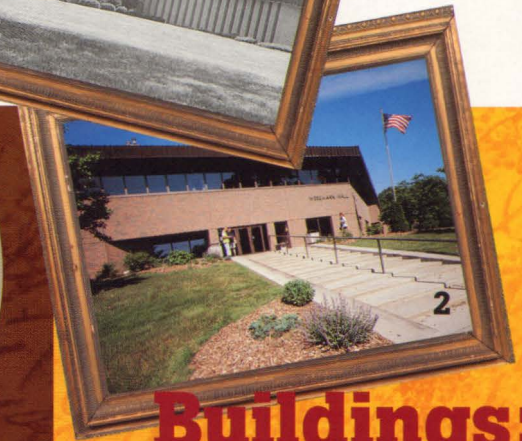
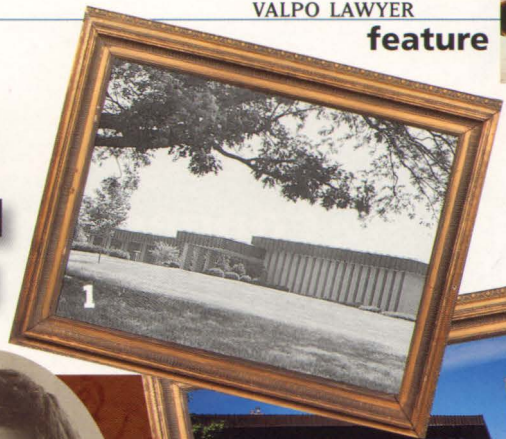
**Ivan E. Bodensteiner**  
1985 – 1990  
(interim dean 1997 – 1998)



**Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr.**  
1990 – 1997



**Jay Conison**  
1998 – Present



## Buildings:

1. Wesemann Hall I
2. Wesemann Hall II

### Pro Bono Program Begins

In 1988, Dean Bodensteiner and the faculty commenced a Pro Bono Publico requirement for all third-year law students at the VU School of Law. The requirement went into effect with the 1989 entering class. (Pro bono publico is a Latin phrase which in English means, "for the public interest"). In doing so, the Law School at Valparaiso, according to one account, became the second school in the country to make a mandatory condition for graduation the requirement that students expend efforts in pursuit of public interest objectives. Eight years later in 1996, the ABA Committee on legal Education amended its standards for approval for law schools "to encourage students to participate in pro bono activities and to provide opportunities for them to do so. A 1999 report by the Association of American Law Schools' Commission on Public Service concluded that "law schools should do more." This was eleven years after the VU School of Law required mandatory pro bono work as a condition for graduation.

### New Faculty Arrive in 1991

Several new faculty arrived at the Law School in 1991. Among them was Professor Derrick Carter who had earned his B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1972, followed by his J.D. degree from Valparaiso University in

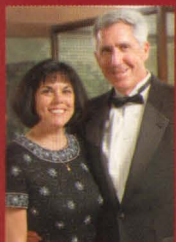
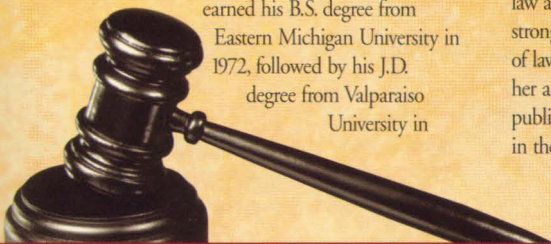


(l-r) Professors Derrick Carter, JoEllen Lind, and Linda Whitton

1975. Carter had represented indigent defendants for seventeen years at the Michigan Appellate Defender Office, a division of the Michigan Supreme Court. In this capacity he handled hundreds of criminal appeals in both state and federal courts, including cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Also joining the faculty in 1991 was JoEllen Lind. Professor Lind earned her B.A. degree from Stanford University, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1972, followed by her J.D. degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1975, where she served on the UCLA Law Review. Professor Lind's career prior to joining the VU Law School faculty included both teaching and practice. After graduation from UCLA Law School, she worked for a Los Angeles law firm in the specialty of commercial litigation. Besides having participated in pro bono litigation involving issues of mental health law and prisoners' rights, Professor Lind has been a strong interdisciplinary scholar, publishing in the areas of law, philosophy, feminism, and political science since her arrival on the VU Law School faculty. She has published an article on the woman suffrage movement in the UCLA Women's Law Journal.

Linda S. Whitton became a full-time member of the VU law faculty in 1991 (although she had been an adjunct professor at the School previously). Professor Whitton began the elder law program at the School of Law. A double VU graduate, B.A. in 1979 and J.D. in 1986, prior to attending law school, Whitton had been communications director for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago. In law school, she was executive editor of the Valparaiso University Law Review. After graduation, Whitton clerked for United States District Court Judge Hugh Dillon, whose chambers are located in the Southern District of Indiana. Professor Whitton has concentrated her professional efforts in the emerging area of eldercare law. She is one of the country's recognized leaders in this field. Not only has she written articles in the area, for example in the Elder Law Journal, Whitton also has organized pro bono workshops designed to respond to legal needs of the elderly. She has served as chair of the American Bar Association's Health Care Decisions Committee, and has chaired programs for the National Aging and Law Conference. In 2000, Professor Whitton became the recipient of the annual "Distinguished Faculty Award" an award given to an outstanding member of the law faculty. Among the many reasons why Professor Whitton won this honor, one was her being "largely responsible" for a national initiative to provide information to attorneys and the public on advance health care directives.



Sharon '73U and Tim '76 McGuan



Molly and Mark '82 Dabrowski



Gerald '74 and Jesse Bowman



Carol Ann Bowman '77, Barb Young '76, Ivan & Pat Bodensteiner '77U



Judith and Philip '89 Benson



Kristin '86U and John Armstrong





# Building Connections: The Campaign for the Valparaiso University School of Law

## Early Success

*The Valparaiso University School of Law launched a three-year \$10 million comprehensive fund raising campaign in 2002. Today, with a year still remaining in this \$10 million initiative, alumni and friends have already pledged over \$9 million dollars.*

The \$10 million includes \$3 million for support of law school faculty through endowed chairs and research professorships, \$2.5 million for scholarships and other funds to support students, \$2 million to fund programs designed to respond to changes in the legal profession. An additional \$2.5 million is sought to fund needed facility renovations and upgrades.

## Meeting the Challenges and Seizing the Opportunities

The Campaign is not an isolated venture. It is a central part of the School of Law's comprehensive approach to meeting current challenges and building on current opportunities.

## The Four Foundations of Excellence: Faculty, Students, Programs, and Facilities

A key premise of the comprehensive approach is that the school must have strong foundations if it is to thrive in the foreseeable future. Enduring strength and success cannot be based on middling support. Thus, the school must have excellent faculty, excellent students, excellent programs, and excellent facilities. A law school that is merely adequate is no longer an option.

**I** Excellent, committed **faculty** are the foundation for excellence in legal education. The faculty are the heart of any law school. Without their dedication, without their knowledge and ability, without their spirit, and without their exemplary

character, there could be no succession of graduates prepared to be effective, well-rounded, ethical lawyers and leaders. Without a dedicated, distinguished, and service-minded faculty, students will not be inspired to achieve their best and will not aspire to the highest values of the profession.

## Phyllis '54U, 04H and Richard Duesenberg '51U, '53L, '01H Give \$1.5 Million for Chair

Civil rights and constitutional law scholar Rosalie Levinson '73 has been named the first Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg professor of law at Valparaiso University School of Law. Levinson has argued several civil rights cases before the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and is a frequent lecturer on continuing legal education, including the Federal Judicial Center for Federal Judges and the Practice Law Institute programs. She has team taught with U.S. Supreme Court justices Antonin Scalia, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Clarence Thomas at VU's study center in Cambridge, England.



**Professor Rosalie Levinson '73, Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Professor of Law**

## Herb Stride '57 Gives \$1.5 Million for Chair

Herb Stride has made a commitment of \$1.5 million to the law school for a new faculty chair. The criteria for selection are still under consideration. Herb Stride is the Chair of the Campaign, and we are very grateful for his leadership and for his support of the school, its faculty, and our students.

## Michael '65U, '67L and Dianne Swygert Give \$1.03 Million for Fellowships

The Michael and Dianne Swygert Teaching Fellow is awarded to a faculty member or librarian who: [T]hrough his or her teaching and service to students exemplifies the highest standards of teaching and service, as found in such faculty members as Charles Gromley, Alfred Meyer, and James Savage.

The Teaching Fellow for 2004-06 is Laura Dooley.

The Michael and Dianne Swygert Research Fellow is awarded to a faculty member or librarian who: [T]hrough his or her scholarship, lecturing, written work, and contribution to the advancement of knowledge, exemplifies the highest



**Marcia Gienapp '77 and David Abel**



**Glenn Vician '78, President Bush, and Dawn Vician '79U**



**Kristin '03 and Ryan Richardson**



**David '01 and Nicole '02 Hooper**

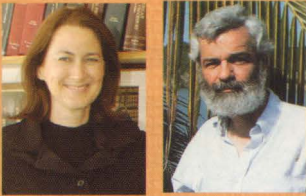


**Bruce '69 and Kirsten Yungman**



**Melissa, Ken and Jennifer '93 Hand**





Left: Professor Laura Dooley,  
Michael and Dianne Swygert  
Teaching Fellow

Right: Professor Richard Stith,  
Michael and Dianne Swygert  
Research Fellow

standards, as found in such faculty members as Marshall Jox, Jack Hiller, and Walter Moll.

The Research Fellow for 2004-06 is Richard Stith.

**II.** Excellent **students** are key to an excellent educational environment because learning to become a lawyer is a cooperative activity. Students learn not just from their professors but from each other, within the classroom and without. The greater the abilities of the students, and the more rich and diverse are the students' backgrounds and experience, the stronger and more effective will be the learning environment for everyone. And the stronger and more effective the learning environment, the better equipped will the students be to succeed as lawyers and leaders.

**III.** Well-crafted **educational programs** are essential to the mission. Graduates today must not only possess the traditional, core competence of being able to think like lawyers—to analyze deeply and argue effectively about the law. They must also have strong writing and research skills, the ability to master specialties, the instincts needed to effectively represent clients, an internalized commitment to ethics, and an appreciation of the business of law practice. And they must gain these competencies in three short years. To prepare the lawyers of today and tomorrow demands strong academic programs, strong clinics and externships, individualized and small-group instruction, opportunities for concentration in specialties, careful attention to ethics in the practice of law, opportunities for learning the business of law practice, and opportunities for intellectual enrichment.

### Larry G. Evans Scholarship in Professional Responsibility

Larry '60U, '62L and Laura Evans have made a commitment of over \$500,000 to the law school. The funds will be added to the endowment for the Larry G. Evans Scholarship in Professional Responsibility. We are very grateful to Larry and Laura for their deep commitment to our students and to the school.

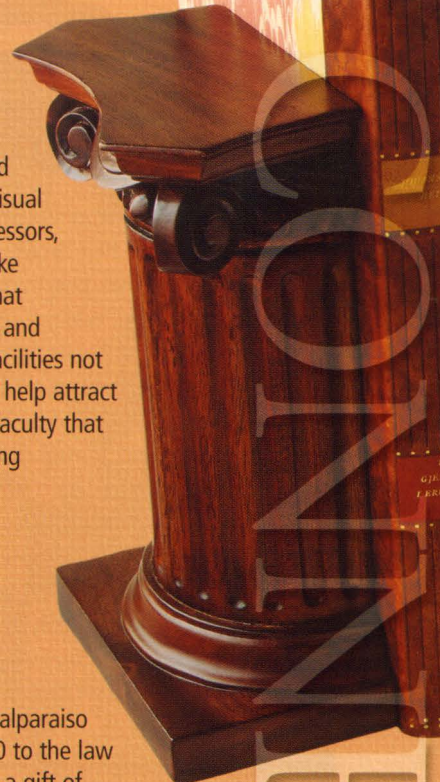
**IV.** Finally, **excellent facilities** are vital for creating an environment that promotes learning. Effective programs require effective physical resources. Effective education requires a comprehensive library with a strong collection, ample space, and useful furnishings. It requires clinic facilities that enable students to serve the needs of their clients. It

requires network and computer resources linking students and faculty to the world of information beyond the walls. It requires audiovisual equipment that allows professors, lecturers and students to take advantage of innovations that enhance teaching, learning, and communication. Excellent facilities not only promote learning; they help attract the excellent students and faculty that make possible an outstanding educational environment.

### Gift to Renovate Heritage Hall from The First National Bank of Valparaiso

The First National Bank of Valparaiso has made a gift of \$320,000 to the law school. This is in addition to a gift of \$80,000 made earlier in the year. The \$400,000 will be placed in an account that will ultimately be used to fund the complete renovation of Heritage Hall. The terms of the gift provide, among other things, that the law school will use its best efforts to match the \$400,000 through other gifts in the coming year. Many thanks to the First National Bank and to the Welter family for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

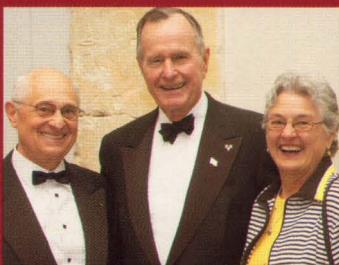
The Campaign will transform the financial foundation of the school, making it more secure and better able to adapt and thrive. It will transform the human networks that underlie the school, strengthening them, strengthening the interconnections, making them more comprehensive and refined. What will not be transformed, however, are the traditions on which this school has for so long been based: a commitment to excellence in teaching, a commitment to values, and a deep sense of community. Far from it. This Campaign is made possible only because of those traditions, and by strengthening them will enable our successors to themselves pursue excellence, values, community, and a deep commitment to a shared mission.



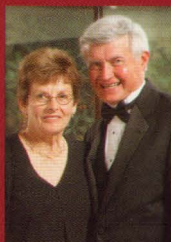
TRADITIONS



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'74 Junck



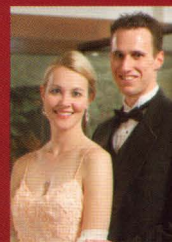
Glenn Tabor '58, President Bush,  
Patricia Tabor '62



Joyce '59U and  
Paul '58 Melchert



Carol '66U and  
David '67 Hubert



Kathleen Barkow  
'02 and John Ford



Beth & Dan '83 Nieter,  
Charlotte & Allen '67  
Landmeier





## Cane Walk Tradition Revived

In 1916, Valpo Law students began an annual tradition known as the "Straw Hat Parade." Wearing straw hats and carrying walking canes, law students would depart from campus, walk around Valparaiso's town square and then finish by entering the Porter County courthouse. By 1923, this tradition evolved into the "Cane Walk." According to the University's historian, Mel Doering, the Cane Walk tradition disappeared around the start of World War II for unknown reasons.

On April 17, 2004, one hundred and two years after the inaugural parade, Valpo Law students honored the past and marched again!

Students and faculty began their walk at Heritage Hall. They were met at the Courthouse by additional faculty members. Professor Clare Nuechterlein '79 verbally saluted



their march and congratulated the 3Ls on the success of their law school careers. All students, faculty, and staff members celebrated the event at The Court Restaurant.



## Judicial Invasion

The Valparaiso University Law Review, Volume 38, presented A Forum Discussion on Tomorrow's Issues in State Constitutional Law on Monday, February 16, 2004. Prestigious state appellate judges discussed religious liberties, civil and criminal juries, use of history in constitutional interpretation, the best use for certified questions, and the effect of technology on habeas review. This was a landmark event for the bench, the bar, the University, and the state constitutional law movement.

The panel included (l. to r.): The Honorable Randy Holland, Supreme Court of Delaware; Chief Justice Christine Durham, Utah Supreme Court; Chief Justice Randall Shepard, Supreme Court of Indiana; The Honorable Laura Denvir Stith, Supreme Court of Missouri; and The Honorable Jack Landau, Oregon Court of Appeals. The Moderator was the Distinguished Professor Robert F. Williams, Rutgers School of Law – Camden.

## Continuing Legal Education Program

### ICLEF Video Seminar Presentation

#### June

- 2 Business Valuation & Appraisal (3 CLE)
- 9 More Issues in Indiana Property Tax (6 CLE)
- 16 Basic Commercial Real Estate (6 CLE)
- 23 Election Law (6 CLE)

#### July

- 14 Labor and Employment Law Update (6 CLE)
- 21 Jury Research & Settlement Analysis (3 CLE)

#### August

- 11 Federal Practice (6 CLE)
- 18 Construction Law (6 CLE)
- 25 Client Retainer / Fee Agreements (6 CLE)

#### September

- 1 Health Care (6 CLE)

To register, call ICLEF in Indianapolis, 317.637.9102. For all other information, call Jan Zoladz at 219.465.7810.



Christi '86 and  
Jessica Megna



Harley Snyder '95H, President Bush,  
Jan Snyder '57U



Nicole Dahlke  
and Clayton  
Schaefer '96



Suzanne '95 and  
Donald Davids



Deb '95 and Greg  
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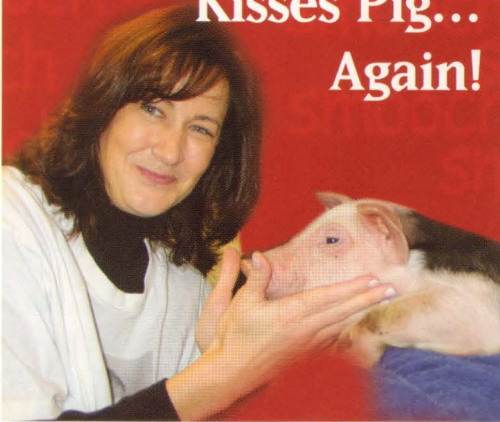


Cindy, Bill '76, Elliott &  
Whitney Morris





## Professor Dooley Kisses Pig... Again!



Valpo Law's Equal Justice Alliance organization sponsors an annual "Kiss the Pig" fundraiser for Public Interest Scholarships. Students, staff, and faculty vote for their favorite faculty member by depositing money in piggy banks. The faculty member with the most money must kiss a pig. Laura Dooley has won the contest an unprecedented six times!

## BRUCE BERNER IS 60!



Professor Bruce Berner's 60th birthday was celebrated in grand style on November 13, 2003. A photo of Bruce as a young boy adorned shirts worn by Valpo Law faculty and staff. Former Dean Al Meyer, Dean Conison, and Jack Hiller joined Bruce in the celebration.



## Mike Frische Honored by Judges

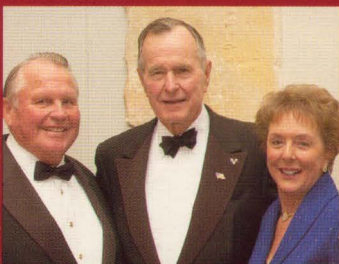
On October 16, 2003, Valpo Law honored Mike Frische '75 at the Indiana State Bar Association reception in Indianapolis. Mike is the Senior Staff Attorney for the US Courts of the Southern District of Indiana.

**First row:** Sarah Evans Barker –US District Court Judge; Larry McKinney – Chief Judge, US District Court; Mike Frische '75 –Senior Staff Attorney; Tim Baker '89 –US District Court Magistrate Judge; Gene Brooks –US District Court Judge

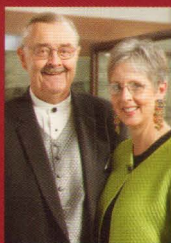
**Second row:** Kennard P. Foster-US District Court Recall Magistrate Judge; V. Sue Shields –US District Court Magistrate Judge; John Tinder – US District Court Judge; David Hamilton US District Court Judge; Basil Lorch – Chief Judge, US Bankruptcy Court; Richard Young – US District Court Judge



Mary Jane and  
Jim '79 Torgerson



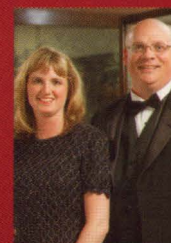
Rupert Dunklau '85H, President  
Bush, Ruth Dunklau



Ken '52 and  
Suzanne Roeh



Janice and Larry  
'88 Thrall



Sharon and John  
'85 Shanahan



Gregory French '76, Ivan  
Bodensteiner, Melvin  
McWilliams '76





## FACULTY briefs



Photo (l. to r.): Julio Muerza, Richard Stith, and Angela Aparisi, the director of the Institute of Human Rights of the University of Navarra in Pamplona.



Lisa Cannon  
Director of  
Career Counseling

**Bruce Berner '67** and **JoEllen Lind** served as faculty for Indiana Law Update 2003, presented last September by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF). Professor Berner's "Criminal Law Update: Synopsis of Selected Cases" and Professor Lind's "Recent Developments in Civil Procedure" were published in the CLE volume for the program.

**Robert Blomquist** was invited to participate in the Oxford Round Table forum at Oxford University, England on "Regulating Sustainable Development: Adapting Globalization in the Twenty-First Century" from August 8-13, 2004.

**Lisa Cannon**, Director of Career Counseling, has been named the Regional Coordinator for the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) for the Midwest Region. She will be involved with the creation of programming for the Annual Education Conference (held next April in Chicago, IL) and End-of-Season programs held in December or January. Throughout the year, Lisa will be soliciting articles from members for the monthly NALP publication and member-to-member communication and outreach for development of Skills Training Workshops at NALP conferences.

Technical Services Librarian, **Naomi Goodman**, was recently elected VP/President Elect of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) and will take office in late May. CALL is a regional association with over 300 members from firms, court, government and academic law libraries in the Greater Chicago area, and emphasizes continuing education, advocacy, and cooperation among library members.

**Clare Nuechterlein '79** attended an international judicial conference along with her husband at William and Mary Law School in Williamsburg, VA. Clare attended presentations on technology and the law in the 21st century in what is claimed to be the most electronically advanced demonstration courtroom in the US.

**Mary Persyn** has been named to the new position of Associate Dean for Library Services. Congratulations to Mary on this recognition of her very substantial responsibilities in the Law School.

**Richard Stith** lectured in Spain to senior law students, graduates, and law professors over Spring Break. In Pamplona he spoke on the Ontological, Axiological and Phenomenological Basis of Human Dignity; in Valencia he lectured on International Dimensions of the Abortion Struggle; and in Alicante he spoke on Medical Ethics, addressing mostly doctors who have masters in BioEthics.

**Student News:** Second-year student **Robert Stemler** was the first Valpo Law student to receive a scholarship from the Illinois Bar Foundation. The Bar Foundation voted last fall to extend eligibility for scholarships to students at the Valparaiso University School of Law.



Roger '73 & Mary  
Bradford '65U



Karl Kreft, President Bush, Shirley  
Kreft



President Alan  
'89H & Diane '89H  
Harre



Ruth '48U & Otis  
'52 Burrus



Linda '75G &  
Bruce '67 Berner



Craig McKenzie '95, Pam  
Mehta '95, Christine '95 &  
Tim Kurth





## Valpo Law Faculty Profile

*Rebecca Huss was promoted to the rank of full professor effective in the academic year 2004-2005. She was granted tenure effective in the academic year 2005-2006.*



**Name:**

Rebecca J. Huss

**Your current & past teaching subjects:**

Business Associations, Mergers & Acquisitions, Securities Regulation; Past-Business Planning, International Commercial Dispute Resolution, UCC1: Sales & Commercial Paper

**Office e-mail:**

Rebecca.huss@valpo.edu

**Pet:**

Jacquelyn Uhura (aka Jackie) – a miniature dachshund

**Birthplace:**

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Education:**

LL.M. in International and Comparative Law (U. of Iowa), J.D. (U. of Richmond), B.A. in Economics, International Affairs minor (U. of Northern Iowa)

**Favorite memory:**

I thought the 125th Anniversary Gala was an amazing night and I am already looking forward to the 150th.

**Favorite film(s):**

Star Trek IV – The Voyage Home. I am also a big fan of Cary Grant comedies.

**Last book read:**

My post grading reward was to read a paperback book in the *Star Trek: The Next Generation Series*. (Do you see a pattern here?)

**Favorite meal:**

My favorite food is popcorn.

**Greatest fear:**

The wrath of the Associate Dean if I do not complete my grading by the deadline.

**Greatest extravagance:**

Many people would think I spend a lot of money on my dog, however, most of the things I purchase relating to her are for my own convenience.

**Idea of perfect happiness:**

Sitting on my parents' back deck in Iowa with my family (including the "inside" animals) watching the "outside" animals in the pasture.

**Biggest coup:**

Being hired to teach at Valpo Law.

**Comment on Valparaíso University School of Law:**

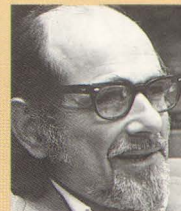
The professors at Valpo Law know that teaching means more than standing at the front of a classroom. It really is a unique vision of legal education.

**Why you teach:**

It is truly a privilege to be able to spend time with the students at Valpo Law. It is a great feeling when a student "gets" a concept that is new to them – and I learn from my students everyday. Being able to research and write about essentially any legal topic of my choice (in my case animal law) is a huge bonus.

## BURT WECHSLER 1924-2004

Burton David Wechsler, former professor at Valpo Law, died January 19 at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, in Rockville, Maryland. He was 79 years old.

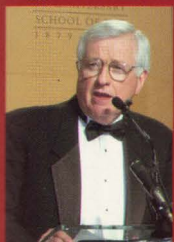


Burt served as a part-time member of the VU School of Law faculty for ten years, from 1956 through 1966. In the fall of

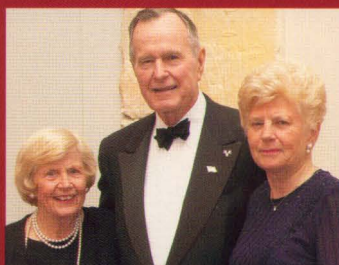
1967, he accepted a full-time teaching position. He taught Estate and Gift Taxation and Estate Planning.

Most recently he was a professor at American University's Washington College of Law. During his twenty years tenure at the Washington College of Law, he was voted "Outstanding Teacher" thirteen times and selected once as the outstanding teacher in the University as a whole. The awards attest to his passionate teaching style and the deep affection and respect of his students.

Burt was a noted civil rights activist, who traveled to Mississippi in the summer of 1964 to assist with voter registration. He was later instrumental in the campaign of Richard Hatcher, the first black mayor of a major urban center. He was a founder of the Gary chapter of the ACLU and defense counsel before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee. Among his publications, the most recent in the October 2002 American University Law Review, was titled *Black and White Disenfranchisement: Populism, Race, and Class*. It was a chapter excerpted from a book in progress, he had tentatively titled *The Fall and Rise of Section 1983*.



President Alan Harre '89H



Helen Hicks, President Bush, Sharon King '58



Melissa & Mark Adams



Susan '93 & Ron Meadows



Alan Morrisson '62



Jon Schumacher '59U, Howard '55U, Heather '61U, & Don Claussen '60





by Kristin Jass Armstrong '86U

# "AND, WE MUST MAKE THEM NOBLE"

## A CONTEXTUAL HISTORY OF THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, 1879 - 2004

by Michael Irven Swygert

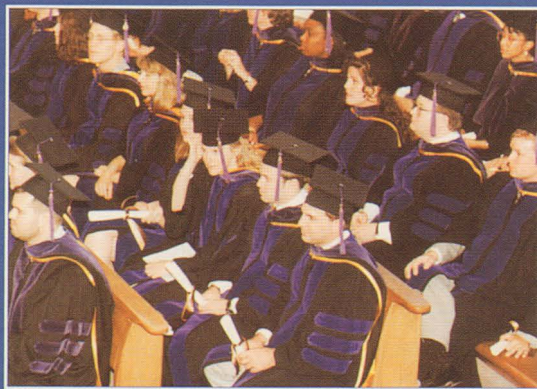
Nearly two years ago, Dean Jay Conison issued a very important invitation. He asked Mike Swygert '67, now a professor at Stetson University Law School in Tampa, Florida, if he would take on the project of writing the law school's history. Swygert RSVP'd in the affirmative and began a 24-month journey that has led him through tens of thousands of pages of reports, newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, and even old file cabinets in his quest for information. Just off the press, Swygert's book captures both the history and the spirit of Valpo Law. The Valpo Lawyer caught up with him – during his spring break – to talk about the process of researching and writing this historic work.

### WHEN YOU BEGAN, WHAT DID YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THE BOOK?

Foremost, I wanted it to be comprehensive. I knew I had to cover all 125 years, from the School's beginning in 1879 through the present. I also wanted to tell the School of Law's story in the larger context of the evolution and growth of American legal education. That is why the subtitle is "A Contextual History." Furthermore, I wanted to bring in the "bigger" issues; to go beyond merely relating events, but to interpret the history of the School of Law within the broader parameters of social, economic, political, and religious influences.

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A Contextual History of the  
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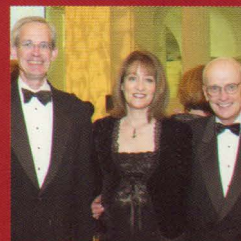
### HOW DOES ONE BEGIN A HISTORIC VOLUME LIKE THIS ONE? IN THE BASEMENT OF WESEMANN HALL RUMMAGING AROUND FOR OLD PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS?

I read everything I could find that had been written about both the University and the School of Law, for example, Professor Richard Baepler's recently published history of Valparaiso University, *Flame of Faith, Lamp of Learning*, as well as the earlier historical work on the School of Law undertaken by a former Valpo Law dean, Louis F. Bartelt, Jr.

Then, it was time to immerse myself in the University's archives in the Main Library and, yes, in the basement of Wesemann Hall with its row of file cabinets jammed full of records covering several decades.



Bryan '98 &amp; Stephanie Truitt

Christopher Stride '91,  
President Bush, Julie Stride '86UPenny Meyers '00  
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Rosalie Levinson  
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'95 SpahnFrank Sullivan '01H,  
Laura & Larry '62 Evans





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## THE ORIGINAL ACTORS IN THIS DRAMA ARE GONE. WHERE DID YOU FIND YOUR SOURCES?

The sources were varied. They included old newspaper clippings, University and School of Law publications, correspondence of deans, minutes of the Board of Directors, as well as references to the University and to the School of Law contained in early histories of Indiana, legal education reports, professional historical journals, and even in unpublished dissertations.

In addition, I read all of the annual reports of the School of Law by its deans since 1955; the minutes of faculty meetings from 1950 onward; the School's alumni publications; interviews with alumni and present and former members of the faculty; emails; letters; phone conversations – in short, just about every possible resource available.

## WHAT WERE SOME OF THE INTERESTING FACTS YOU LEARNED ALONG THE WAY?

There are so many it is hard to choose, but a few quickly come to mind: the dedication of so many to the University's mission and to the aims of the School of Law; law deans who stayed on for decades; faculty members who had opportunities to leave for greater financial rewards but chose to stay; the comparatively early-in-time-pursuit of minority students long before most law schools did so; the number of faculty members over the past thirty years who have actively pursued social justice in the courts; the strong religious faith of numerous faculty members and deans; and, the fact that one of the first women to teach full time on a law school faculty in America was an 1889 graduate of the School of Law – Florence Higgins. She joined the Valparaiso University School of Law faculty months after earning her law degree.

## WHAT WAS MOST CHALLENGING ABOUT THE PROJECT?

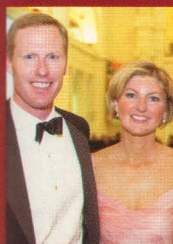
Writing every day – not letting up – or “writer's block” may cause havoc. I tried to write at least six days a week for a minimum of six hours per day. Once you get into the groove you are unaware of the passage of time – total immersion in the project.

## HAVE ANY THEMES REMAINED CONSTANT OVER THE LAW SCHOOL'S 125-YEAR HISTORY?

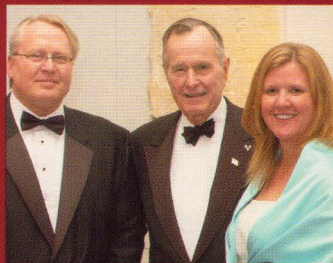
Perhaps the most important has been the faculty's persistent dedication to teaching. Excellent classroom teaching and accessibility outside of class, allowing close ties with students to develop, have always been top priorities at the School. Also, the School's small size where students cooperate in the difficult process of legal education has been a distinctive benefit over the years. One of the more interesting themes has been a wide concern shared by students and faculty for social justice and an emphasis on providing legal aid for the economically and socially deprived and discriminated against members of society.

## WHAT DO YOU HOPE READERS TAKE AWAY FROM YOUR BOOK?

I hope they come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the men and women who strove (and continue to strive) to establish and maintain a law school which in many ways is distinctive in American legal education – one that values being small, personal, caring, and where all the community's members are mutually supportive of their common enterprise – to become ethical, competent, and socially responsible attorneys. I also hope that they take from the book an appreciation of a principal aspiration of Valparaiso University, an aspiration articulated by a former University president more than sixty years ago, Otto Paul “O.P.” Kretzmann. To paraphrase his words, the mission of Valparaiso University (including its School of Law) is to give students not only knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in order to make them useful, but also “to make them noble.” That is the basis of the title of the book: “And, We Must Make Them Noble.”



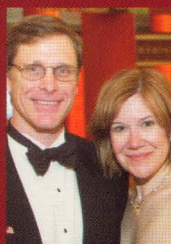
Peter '89 & Lisa Pogue



Chip Stride '85, President Bush, Marianne Stride



Shelly Johnson '79 & Mark Roscoe '83



Randy Ruff '86 & Debbie Schavey-Ruff '86



Jeffrey Clymer '92 & Tim Baker '89



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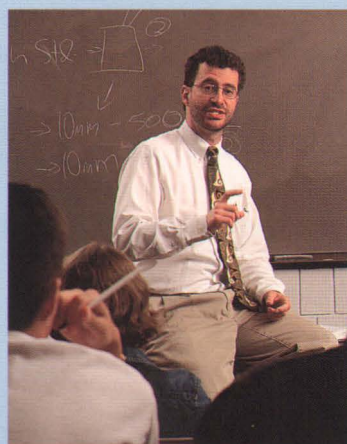


Dean Jay Conison is very pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Faculty Award, given in honor of Jack Hiller by the Mabel Burchard Fischer Foundation, is Alex Geisinger.

In his still relatively short career, Alex has established himself as a first-class teacher, scholar, contributor to law reform, and citizen of the law school and university.

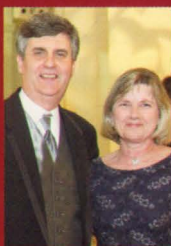
His article, *A Belief Change Theory of Expressive Norms*, 88 Iowa L. Rev. 35 (2002), has served as a major contribution to the literature on norms, attracting attention and response from leading scholars in the field. He has also written important articles on environmental law, and his work there has led to his being asked to serve as advisor to NCCUSL on the creation of a uniform law on risk-based environmental cleanup. In June he will chair a panel on norms at the annual Law & Society Meeting in Chicago, and present a paper on the subject. He is one of the founders of the AALS New Law Professors Section and serves on the Section's Board.

Alex is also a highly regarded teacher, whether in large or small classes, seminars, or the clinic, and is known for the great amounts of time he gives to students outside of class. He has served on the University Senate and on many important law school committees and task forces, including Appointments, Admissions, and Budget Planning. He is a regular participant in Meet Valpo Law Days.



**Professor Alex Geisinger**

# Distinguished Faculty Award 2004



Dave '74 & Anita  
'71U Hollenbeck



Cody & Jessica  
'02 Crone



Marshall Bragg '84U,  
President Bush, Stephanie  
Stride Bragg '85U



Roger '90 & Ann  
Weitgenant



Barb Schmidt '73  
& Kathy Gibson  
'93



Gene Hennig '74, Mike Swygert  
'67, Charles Ehren, Frank Sullivan  
'01H





# Class Reunions '69 and '70



(l to r) Joe Vitell, Robert Brickman, Robert Mayfield, Peter Glick, Steven Wermcrantz, Ron Moses, Louis Desenberg, Steve Lewis, Bruce Yungman



(l to r) Dave Mears, Steve Todd, Dennis Hoover, Henry Hagen, Joe Vitell, Robert Swanson, and Tom Walter

A 35th and 34th reunion of the 1969 & 1970 classes was held on April 30, 2004 at the University Club in Chicago. The event brought good friends together again after many years. Attendees shared the following comments:

**"Valpo Law was nurturing, the best educational experience of my life."**

**"I never understood how lawyers from other schools disliked their professors."**

**"Professors taught us how to think about issues and how to solve problems."**

**"I often find myself saying 'What would Charlie (Gromley) do in this situation?'"**



Diane Welsh and James Canonie '82



Mark Saran, President Bush, Deborah Stride Saran '81U



Ted '73 and Linda '69U Lasseigne



Barry Bergstrom '71 and Elaine Howes



Mary Lou & Miles '83 Stipanovich, Perry Theodoros '83, Brad '83 and Debbie Koeppen





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**1974**

**Kirk Carpenter** is currently serving as a judge in DeKalb County, IN.

**Wayne C. Defferding** is a candidate for Appleton Common Council District 8 in Appleton, WI. Wayne has served as Outagamie County supervisor for District 4 since 2002 and chairman of the Appleton Redevelopment Authority since 1996.

**1976**

**Bill Hussmann** began his third 8-year term as United States Magistrate in 2004. His wife Joann is employed with the University of Evansville. Their children John (25); Matt (22); Mike (20); and Kate (15) thrive notwithstanding their Dad's frequent sartorial indiscretions.

**1978**

**James Edward Jacobs** is now semi-retired and works as a felony Public Defender in St. Johns County, St. Augustine, FL.

**Clare Nuechterlein** attended a judicial conference last February at William and Mary Law School in Williamsburg, VA. Clare attended presentations on technology and the law in the 21st century. William and Mary Law School claims to be the most electronically advanced demonstration courtroom in the United States.

**1979**

**Barbara L. Sutherland** was recently named Senior Vice President & Secretary-General Counsel at The PMA Insurance Group. Ms. Sutherland is responsible for managing the legal function of The PMA Insurance Group, including both PMA's Home Office Legal Department and Field Litigation staff and representing the company to numerous external organizations, including insurance regulatory and legislative entities.

**1980**

**Marsha Volk (Bugalla)** was recently married and has relocated to San Francisco, CA.

**1983**

**Steve P. Smits** recently celebrated 20 years with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office.

**Keith M. Wallace** has created an Indiana non-profit organization, Families Thru International Adoption, which is considered one of the top international adoption agencies in the country. Since 1995, he has served as the organization's executive director while maintaining an active law career at the Evansville, IN based Bowers Harrison, LLP with a primary practice in adoption law.

**1984**

**Rocco deGrasse** was recently elected partner with the Chicago, IL firm of KPMG LLP. Rocco provides computer forensic and forensic accounting and investigative services to clients in the Midwest. Rocco joined KPMG in 2002.

**Stacey Saunders** recently gave birth to a son, Aaron Elliot Cohn, on January 3, 2004. Stacey and her husband, Michael Cohn live in Anchorage, AK where she works as a freelance writer, a federal contractor involved with civil rights investigations, and the manager of her husband's law firm. Stacey frequently contributes to *Alaska Business Monthly Magazine* and she recently contributed to a collection of nonfiction stories written by women in Alaska.

**1985**

**N. Cornell Boggs** was appointed general counsel and vice president for Tyco Plastics & Adhesives. Cornell will build and lead the legal

organization at this segment. He comes to Tyco from Intel Corporation where he served as Americas Regional Counsel since 2000.

**1986**

**Mark W. Rutherford** was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Lambda Chi Alpha Home Association of Wabash College, Inc. for 2003-2006. He is an attorney with the law firm of Laudig George Rutherford & Sipes, an Association of Attorneys, in Indianapolis, IN.

**1987**

**Richard Van Kalker** made a change from general counsel at Ozinga Bros., Inc. to Arbitrator for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Richard resides with his wife, Darci, and two children, Ming and Michelle in Crete, IL.



(l to r) Julie Ezell, Bob Clark, and John Papageorge

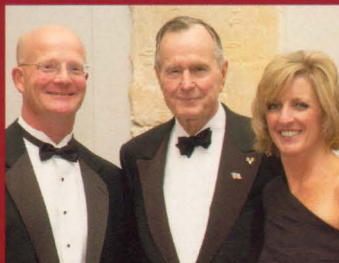
Bob Clark '79 and John Papageorge '92 are partners at Sommer, Barnard, Ackerson in Indianapolis. Julie Ezell '90 is Senior Counsel at Cinergy. SBA is representing Cinergy in a federal Clean Air Act suit brought by the United States of America and the states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Julie is the in-house Cinergy lawyer responsible for the defense of the suit.



David '96 and Lora Castleman



Maryanne and Stephen '80 Maish



Chuck Niemier '78U, President Bush, Lois Niemier '78U



Randy '85 and Linda '85U Dessau



Jon '89 & Sharon Costas, Missy & Tony '80 Bertig





## CLASS actions

### 1988

**Jeffrey D. Wehmuller** is a Republican candidate for judge for the Hamilton County Superior Court 2. Jeffrey is currently the administrative chief deputy in the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office in Indianapolis, IN.

### 1989

**Debra Denslaw** has joined the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis as Reference Librarian. Debra received her M.S.L.I.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2003.

**Beth Henning '89** and Dominic Polizzotto '90 are the proud parents of twin girls, Isabella and Francesca, born on February 23 in Las Vegas, NV. Beth is formerly visiting assistant professor of law and Assistant Director of Program in Energy and Environmental Law at Chicago Kent College of Law. Dominic is the Senior Vice-President and General Counsel of Horseshoe Gaming Holding Corporation.



### 1990

**Karen Tallian** has become a partner of the firm of Eberhard & Gastineau, P.C., serving Northwestern Indiana clients from the Portage, IN office.

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### 1992

**Gary Colasessano** and his wife Jennifer just welcomed a baby girl to their family. Gary continues to practice in the Indianapolis, IN area.

**Douglas Lind** recently published An Economic Analysis of Early Casebook Publishing in the Winter 2004 issue of the Law Library Journal, the official publication of the American Association of Law Libraries. In the article, Lind, who is the Collection Development Librarian and Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., examines the change in American legal education from memorization and textbooks to the "case method," focusing on the important role of legal publishers in this change.

### 1993

**Ardis L. Stewart** co-authored a chapter with **Beth Brush** of Chicago Title Insurance Company on escrow closings for the 2003 edition of "Residential Real Estate" published by the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

**Kelly Whiteman** was appointed by the Indiana Governor as the first person to hold the new position of Director of the DOC Ombudsman Bureau. This position was established by the state legislature.

**W. Todd Woelfer** married Sarah W. Mediavilla on June 28, 2003 at Lowdermilk Park. They live in Granger, IN. Sarah is employed by Mirkin Law Offices in South Bend and Todd is a partner with May Oberfell & Lorber in South Bend, IN.

### 1994

**Jason Freitag** and his wife Alexis Kee of Des Plaines, IL recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Augustus John Freitag, on October 9, 2003. Jason is currently senior judicial law clerk to Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald.

**Patrick G. McCarthy** recently assumed new duties as staff attorney for Capital Title

Co., Inc. Patrick's primary responsibilities will entail oversight of commercial real estate and small business loan closings, foreclosure and construction escrow services.

**Kim Newby** married **James Li** on February 13, 2004 in Portland, ME.

**David Rakow** is a Republican candidate for judge for the Rockwall County Court at Law. David served as prosecutor for Kaufman County from 1994-97 and is currently assistant district attorney for Rockwall County.

### 1995

**Allen C. Platt III** joined the Indiana office of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs last November 2003. He will continue in general practice concentrating in business litigation.

### 1996

**Andrew Hartman** is a partner with the firm of Hartman-Imbriale, LLP in Woodstock, GA. The firm specializes in the practice of real estate, probate, corporate and severe injury law in three locations in the metro and north Georgia area.

**Gregory N. McEwen** was recently chosen as a "Rising Star" in Minnesota Law and Politics Magazine. Greg was also nominated by the Minnesota Trial Lawyer Association and chosen as one of ten lawyers in Minnesota who have practiced less than eight years to be awarded an "Up and Coming Lawyer" Award. McEwen has a national plaintiff's product liability practice based in St. Paul, MN.

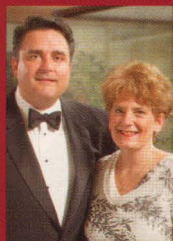
**Frederick Techlin Jr.** is currently serving as Outagamie County Board Supervisor in Wisconsin. Fred is currently running for public office in Wisconsin.

### 1997

**Luis Samuel Gonzalez-Acevedo** has been named chairman of the Humanities Department at Sinclair Community College. Gonzalez previously served as a bilingual fair housing specialist, predatory loan specialist, and as an attorney in the U.S. Air Force and in private practice in Michigan. Gonzalez is a



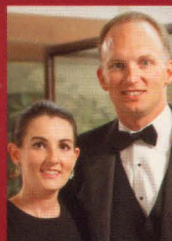
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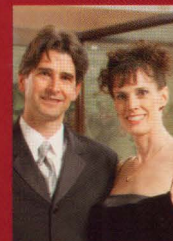
Morris Sunkel '74, Carol & Marc '74 Loesche, Bill Wagner '58



Judie '93U and Bodie '94 Stegelmann



Timothy '03 and Wendy '01 Fletcher



Christopher Hoham and Monica Conrad '93





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member of the Michigan State Bar and the American Philosophical Association. He has additional training as a military judge advocate. He holds a bachelor's degree in religion and Spanish from Andrews University in Michigan and a master's degree in philosophy from Western Michigan University.

**Lana Lennington** has joined the Indiana firm of Baker & Daniels as an associate in the downtown Indianapolis office. Baker & Daniels serves clients in regional, national and international business matters from offices in the United States and China.

**Jeff Terronez** won the five-way race for the Democratic nomination for Rock Island State's Attorney. He currently serves as an assistant state's attorney for Rock Island County in the Twin Cities area.

**Cheryl Warzynski** has been elected partner at Rooks Pitts in Chicago, IL. Cheryl practices in areas of medical malpractice, premises liability, public sector representation, general tort litigation and commercial litigation.

### 1998

**Margo R. Babineaux** is an adjunct professor of law at Valparaiso University School of Law. She also maintains her own law practice, Meinzer & Babineaux, in St. John, IN.

**Jennifer E. Davis** married Todd A. Crowel in September 2003 in Kouts, IN. Davis is an attorney with Daniel G. Suber & Associates in Valparaiso, IN.

**Mike DeBoer** and his wife Jennifer welcomed Benjamin Michael DeBoer into their family on April 2, 2004.

**Andrew G. Falkowski** was recently named partner with the firm of Shanebrook & Falkowski Law Office, LLP in West Bend, WI. Andy concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate, business law, estate planning, elder law, probate and trust administration.

**Mark Gumz** and his wife Amy welcomed son Eric Michael Gumz on February 27, 2004.

**Philip R. Pulliam** is currently attending The Georgetown University Law Center in pursuit of his LL.M. in Taxation. Philip leads KPMG's Mid-Atlantic Energy Group's State and Local Tax Practice. In addition to Energy Client, he is also a member of the firm's State and Local Tax Practice's Telecommunications Group.

**Marc Rothenberg** and wife Stephanie, also class of 1998, had their first daughter, Soren, in January 2003. Additionally, Marc was recently appointed to the bench as a Marion County Superior Court Commissioner.

### 1999

**Robert Coyle** married Wendy Colburn in December 2004. Robert is currently with the firm of Smith Fisher Maas & Howard in Indianapolis, IN and Wendy is the human resource manager of the Indianapolis 500.

**Dennis P. Lindell** recently joined the firm of Rooks Pitts in Lisle, IL. Dennis will be focusing his practice in the areas of land use, zoning, residential and commercial real estate matters, and general corporate matters.

**Susan Oliver** has joined the Indianapolis, IN firm of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP as an associate in the Labor and Employment Group. She represents and advises employers in a broad range of labor and employment issues, including those involving Title VII, ADEA, ADA, FMLA, FLSA, state wage and hour issues, and unemployment compensation matters.

### 2000

**Shawn Bartley** taught a CLE course along with two other colleagues on January 16, 2003, in Fairfax, VA, sponsored by the National Business Institute. The CLE is an introductory class on Virginia foreclosure law and related bankruptcy issues. Shawn covered bankruptcy issues regarding foreclosure.

**Patricia Curtis** married Sgt. Johnathon Tominack, Special Forces, on February 14,

2004. Pat practices law in the areas of family law and bankruptcy in Evansville, IN.

**Peter Dlusk** and his wife, Becky, welcomed their first child, Austin Jacob, on June 24, 2003 in Peoria, IL.

**Jeff Griffiths** won a Hummer H2 at Blue Chip Casino on January 1, 2003. He used the money to move to California and purchased a condo. Jeff passed the California bar and now practices immigration law with fellow VUSL alum Monica Ganjoo in San Francisco and San Jose, CA.

**Matt Kreppein** married Beth Hooten on August 16, 2003 at the Historic Oliver Gardens at the Northern Indiana Center for History. Matt is employed as an associate attorney by Huelet & Gardner, LLC in Michigan City, IN.

### 2001

**Melinda Bentley** has been promoted to first assistant counsel to the Illinois State Bar Association at the Springfield, IL headquarters.



**Elizabeth Deremiah** is now with the firm of Schlyer & Associates, P.C. in Merrillville, IN, specializing in personal injury and commercial litigation.

**Erin Fresvik (Pratt)** was married on June 7, 2003. Erin left the firm of Briggs and Morgan and now works as a Research Staff Attorney at the League of Minnesota Cities in St. Paul, MN.

**Dave Hooper** and wife, **Nicole '02**, had their first child, daughter Noelle Rose, on November 20, 2003.

**Beth Hooten** married Matt Kreppein on August 16, 2003 at the Historic Oliver Gardens at the Northern Indiana Center for History. Beth works for the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office as a deputy prosecuting attorney.



**Don Wruck '99**  
and **Amy Kish**



**Ellen '67U** and  
**Steve '69**  
**Wermcrantz**



**Diana and Phil**  
**'80 LaMere**



**Mick Story '02** &  
**Marilyn Otis '76U**



**Nancy Christopher, Christopher Lueking, Julie Christopher,**  
**President Bush, Doris Christopher, Kelly Christopher '97U,**  
**Paul Schueler, Scott Christopher '73**





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**Matt Macaluso** participated in the Indiana Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. in order to enhance his political skills and observe the United States federal government in action. The ILF encourages emerging civic, business, and cultural leaders to increase their involvement with the Republican Party. Matt practices with the Indianapolis-based law firm of Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP.

### 2002

**Amber Franks** recently joined the Marcus Law Firm in Fishers, IN.

**Karin Palladino** recently joined the Kankakee County State's Attorney's Office in the Child Support Division.

**Timothy Rushenberg** and his wife Kristin welcomed daughter, Mary, to their family on September 11, 2003. Captain Rushenberg is an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate at Davis-Monthan AFB in Arizona.



### 2003

**Michael M. Bell** joined the Buchanan, MI firm of Desenberg & Colip, P.C. as an associate attorney. Mike will concentrate in the area of litigation.



**Monica R. Brownnewell** recently joined Barnes & Thornburg as an associate attorney in the firm's Indianapolis office. Brownnewell practices in the Litigation Department.

**Christopher M. Nixon** is currently on active duty with the Air Force stationed in Denver, CO.

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### In Memoriam

*The dean, faculty, staff, students and alumni of Valparaiso University School of Law honor the following alumni and friends who have passed away. We are grateful for their participation in the development of the Law School, and we extend our condolences to their family members and friends.*

### 1925

**Frances Tilton Weaver**, Valparaiso, IN, January 11, 2004

### 1942

**Edwin A. Kurtz**, St. Charles, MO, May 17, 2004

### 1949

**Harold A. Rissman**, DeKalb, IL, October 5, 2003

### 1950

**Wright A. Beasey**, Hubert, NC, Date Unknown

### 1951

**Paul Nolan McGough**, Chicago, IL, December 2003

### 1952

**Richard Gurney Altobelli**, Crestwood, MO, January 8, 2004

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**William Robert Theiss**, Deerfield, IL, March 7, 2004

### 1972

**W. Dale Weyhrich**, Minneapolis, MN, April 19, 2003

### 1973

**William Ray Norman**, Albany, NY, March 6, 2004

### 1985

**John D. Schlosser**, Plymouth, IN, March 27, 2004

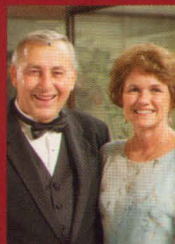
### 1991

**Paul D. Jesse**, Dublin, OH, December 2, 2003

Valpo Law alumni have been active in continuing education, serving as faculty for seminars produced by the National Business Institute. Alumni who recently presented include: Vicki Battle-Cashwell '99 on preparation and trial of a divorce case (2003); Larry G. Evans '62 on personal injury practice, including the use of expert witnesses, and ethics (2002); Stephen M. Maish '80 on enforcement and settlement of mechanics' liens (2002); Brian J. Hurley '84 on planning and zoning law in Indiana (2002); Brett J. Miller '83 on tax court practice, specifically ethical issues when using expert witnesses (2002); Stephen E. Lewis '69 on estate administration in Indiana (2002); and Jill S. Swope '95 on family law (2002). Material presented is also published in the manuals that accompany the programs.



David '94 and Christine '95 Stach



John '73 and Paula Bullman



Mike '91 and Antella Thiakos



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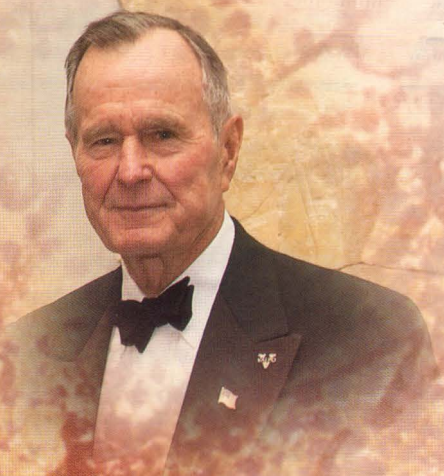
**"I think of DeMotte, who built the school into an institution of opportunity, of Kretzmann, who imbued the school with its core commitment to values, of Morland, Ehren, and Meyer, who navigated the school through character-testing times."**

—Excerpt from Dean Jay Conison's speech at the 125th Gala





## CLOSING argument



*"I've always believed that character matters....The point is this,  
each of you tonight has an important role to play.*

*Today, as much as ever, we need good and decent men and women  
of character entering into public and private life. And here as we  
celebrate the 125th anniversary of Valparaiso University School of Law,  
I simply want to assert those of you who study, teach and  
practice law are an invaluable, indispensable part of the process."*

**41st President of the United States George H.W. Bush,  
Valpo Law 125th Anniversary Gala  
May 1, 2004, Chicago, Illinois**



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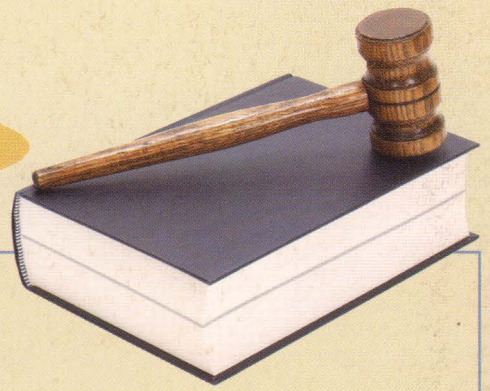
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# CALENDAR OF events



**July 31, 2004**

**Class Reunions "4" and "9"**  
Wesemann Hall

**August 19-20, 2004**

**Orientation for 1L students**

**August 23, 2004**

**First Day of Classes**

**September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2004**

**Be a Law Student for a Day**

**September 18, 2004**

**National Council Meeting**  
**Gromley Society Reception**

**October 1, 15, 22, & 29, 2004**

**Be a Law Student for a Day**

**October 7, 2004**

**Women in Law Conference,**  
Indianapolis

**October 8, 2004**

**Professional Development Day**  
**Alumni Board & Faculty Dinner**

**October 9, 2004**

**Alumni Board Meeting**  
**Homecoming Day Picnic**  
**Golden Gavel Society Dinner**

**October 14, 2004**

**Valpo Law Reception**  
**Indiana State Bar Assoc. Meeting,**  
Indianapolis

**November 5 & 12, 2004**

**Be a Law Student for a Day**

**November 11, 2004**

**Official 125th Anniversary**  
**of Valparaiso University**  
**School of Law**

**December 19, 2004**

**Commencement, 2:30 p.m.,**  
Chapel

**January 10, 2005**

**Classes Resume**

**January 17, 2005**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**January 21 & 28, 2005**

**Be a Law Student for a Day**

**February 4, 2005**

**Meet Valpo Law Day**

**March 18, 2005**

**Meet Valpo Law Day**

**March 25, 2005**

**Be a Law Student for a Day**

**April 1, 8, & 29, 2005**

**Be a Law Student for a Day**

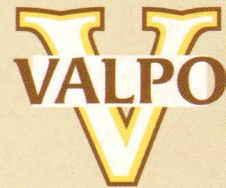
**April 15, 2005**

**Meet Valpo Law Day**

**May 21, 2005**

**Commencement, 11:00 a.m.,**  
Chapel

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